(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon;

(c) if no, action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when this association would be recognized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OE PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (d) Though a number of representations continue to be received, as per extant policy, service associations formed exclusively by SC/ST employees or any other group of such employees where the membership is not open to all Central Government employees other than those belonging to these groups, are not considered for recognition in the interest of unified Civil Service.

Inclusion of New Subjects in Civil Services Examinations

2709. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government would consider including Operational Research/ Applied Operational Research and Information Technology as one of the optional subjects in UPSC Civil Services Examinations so that the candidates of these subjects get an opportunity to appear in these examinations;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OE PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) No proposal has been received by the Government from the Union Public Service Commission to include new subjects like Operational Research/Applied Operational Research and Information Technology as one of the optional subjects in Civil Services Examinations.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial Assistance to States

2710. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the additional financial assistance demanded by the State Governments during each of the last two years;

(b) the amount allocated by Government, year-wise and plan -wise during the above period;